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SUBJ: KOREA IN THE 30TH UNGA: THE NEA PERFORMANCE--COMMITTEE

ONE VOTE ON THE KOREAN QUESTION, OCTOBER 29, 1975

1. NEA WAS A MIXED BAG, WITH NORMALLY HOSTILE STATES (E.G. ALGERIA, SYRIA, IRAQ) READIER TO BE COUNTED AGAINST US THAN RELATIVELY FRIENDLY STATES, (E.G. TUNISIA, MOROCCO, QATAR) WITH US. THE REGIONAL VOTES ON (A) PRIORITY, (B) FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND (C) HOSTILE RESOLUTION WERE (A) 10-5(US-12; (B) 7(US)-7-12; (C) 7-3(US)-17.

2. INDIA AND PAKISTAN KEPT IN STEP WITH EACH OTHER BY ABSTAINING ON SUBSTANCE AND BY VOTING AGAINST OUR PRIORITY. PAKISTAN EAGERLY SOUGHT OUR SUPPORT FOR HER SC CAMPAIGN, AND HER VOTE AGAINST US ON PRIORITY SEEMS AMPLE GROUND FOR AN EXPRESSION OF DISPLEASURE. SAUDI ARABIA, ON BALANCE, WAS NOT AS HELPFUL IN LOBBYING AS WE HAD UNDERSTOOD FROM PRINCE SAUD IT WOULD BE, ALTHOUGH THE SAUDIS DID VOTE WITH US ON SUBSTANCE. BAROODY WAS CLEARLY UNHAPPY WITH HIS INSTRUCTIONS AND OBSCURED MATTERS UNHELPFULLY IN THE FINAL DEBATE BEFORE THE VOTE. THERE IS NO REPEAT NO EVIDENCE THAT HE MADE ANY EFFORT WITH THE GULF STATES, AS PROMISED, AND EVEN QATAR FELL AWAY. ONLY OMAN AMONG THE ARABS WAS STEADY IN OUR SUPPORT, AND SHE DESERVES OUR APPRECIATION. CONVERSELY, YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC'S PERFORMANCE MERITS STRONG

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CRITICISM. EMBASSY SANA AND USUN HAD MADE IT PLAIN THAT THIS

WAS A US SECURITY INTEREST--AND EAST/WEST AFFAIR--AND NOT A SIMPLE CHOICE BETWEEN SOUTH AND NORTH KOREA. YEMEN CHOSE TO IGNORE THOSE REPRESENTATIONS AND RENEGED ON EARLIER PROMISES TO TAKE A MORE BALANCED POSITION. HERE AGAIN THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF ANY SAUDI HELP. KUWAIT'S EFFORT TO MEET OUR POLICY CONCERNS AND RESPOND TO THE SECRETARY'S PERSONAL MESSAGE MERIT OUR RECOGNITION. EGYPT VOTED AGAINST US ALL THE WAY, BUT HAD SAID SHE WOULD DO SO FROM THE BEGINNING BECAUSE OF WHAT SHE CONSIDERED A SPECIAL DEBT TO NORTH KOREA. QATAR LAPSED INTO ABSTENTION ON THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION, AS COMPARED TO 1974, BUT JORDAN MAINTAINED ITS 1974 RECORD. DEMOCRATIC YEMEN DELIVERED A HARSH ANTI-AMERICAN SPEECH.

3. USUN RECOMMENDATIONS

YEMEN'S PERFORMANCE ON KOREA DESERVES AS STRONG A SHOW OF DISPLEASURE AS WE CAN MUSTER WITHIN THE LIMITS OF OTHER POLICY. INDIA AND PAKISTAN SHOULD BE MADE AWARE OF OUR BEWILDERMENT AND DISAPPOINTMENT REGARDING THEIR PRIORITY VOTES. SAUDI ARABIA CARRIED OUT ITS PROMISE TO VOTE WITH US BUT ITS UNHELPLESSNESS OTHERWISE SHOULD BE NOTED. USUN IS NOT AWARE OF THE OPTIONS AVAILABLE WITH REGARD TO DEMOCRATIC YEMEN BUT WAS OFFENDED BY ITS SPEECH. WE RECOMMEND THAT, IF POSSIBLE, OUR HOPE FOR IMPROVED VOTING BE EXPRESSED TO EGYPT.

4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT PASS TO ALL NEA DIPLOMATIC POSTS. MOYNIHAN

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